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Christmas Theme Features Meeting Of Hertford PTA

The Hertford Grammar School PTA met last Thursday night in the auditorium of the school. Mrs. R. L. Hollowell, president, welcomed the members and presented the seventh grades who were in charge of the program. The Christmas program was under the direction of the seventh grade teachers, Mrs. R. S. Monds and Mrs. John Coston.

"Angels We Have Heard on High" was the opening song on the program. On the stage, girls and boys dressed in colorful, Biblical costumes portrayed a living picture of the Nativity scene. In the background children looking like carolers in their white vestments, sang many of the best loved carols of Yuletide. Several of the students gave brief accounts of the history of carols. The fact was brought out that Saint Francis of Assisi is said to be one of the first to make Christmas carols popular by having a story of the first Christmas enacted and accompanied by a sermon and singing. As the children lit their tall, white candles, the members were impressed with the beauty of the religious pageant, and the true meaning of Christmas was renewed to them. Miss Caroline Wright accompanied the group on the piano.

Mrs. R. S. Hollowell, presiding over the business session, expressed gratitude to the seventh grade students and their teachers for the wonderful presentation.

The secretary, Mrs. John Winalow, read the minutes of the November meeting which were approved by the group.

Treasurer, Mrs. Freeman Long, reported a balance of \$554.83 in the treasury.

Mrs. Walter Harrison reported that the newspaper drive had been highly successful and thanked everyone who helped to make it possible.

The study course chairman, Mrs. Walter Edwards, stated more information concerning a study course would be given at a later date.

Magazine chairman, Charlie Umphlett, announced 41 members had subscribed to the PTA Magazine and copies may be purchased at each meeting.

Mrs. Hollowell and John Dan-chise, finance chairman, met with the Winalow and High School PTA officers in regards to the basketball game. The game will be held on Thursday night, January 23, with the three schools sharing equally the proceeds. Winalow and Hertford Grammar Schools will furnish the players and the High School

Indians - Squaws Lose To Columbia

Columbia High took both ends of a twin bill from the Perquimans Indians here last Friday night, the boys winning 35 to 29 while the girls came through 43-26.

Columbia's boys led all the way, being in front 9-4 at the quarter, 17-8 at the half and 29-17 at the end of the third round.

Scott, with 19 points and Dozier with 8 led the Columbia attack while B. Nixon had 10 and Gibbs and Tarkington 8 apiece for the Indians.

The Columbia girls won in a walk after building up a 27-10 halftime lead.

Kirk was the big gun for the winners with 21 points, followed by Brickhouse with 11 and Hopkins B. Hurdle had 8 for Perquimans with Brown getting 4 and Spear and Phtisite 3 apiece.

County Schools Start Vacation

Perquimans County schools will start their annual Christmas vacation with the close of school on Friday, it was announced by J. P. Higgins, superintendent of schools, who said that the schools will be closed on Friday, December 18, and on Saturday, December 19.

The merchants also indicated they will be closed all day Friday, January 1, in observance of New Year's.

Rotarians Hold Christmas Party

The Rev. George Hqath of Elizabeth City was guest speaker at a Christmas party held here Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford, when members of the Rotary Club entertained their wives and friends.

Wives of the club members were presented Christmas corsages and other novelties as part of the program.

Rotarians W. J. Davis, R. S. Monds, J. R. White, James Divers, Charles Payne were members of the committee in charge of the arrangements.

Methodist Church Plans Christmas Week Programs

Christmas Sunday, December 20, will begin in First Methodist Church, Hertford, with church school at 9:45 A. M. F. A. McGoogan, church school superintendent, today reminded class groups that the traditional "White Christmas" giving for the unfortunate of our community will be received at the church school hour, or at the morning worship hour. Children of the church will take their gifts directly to their classrooms. The youth and adult divisions will place their "White Gifts" on the altar in the sanctuary as they come to Sunday School or to morning worship.

"Light From Bethlehem Star" will be the topic of the morning sermon at 11 o'clock by the Rev. James A. Auman, minister. The adult choir will sing "Gesù Bambino" (Yon) and the congregation will join in familiar carols.

At 7:30 o'clock, Sunday night, a special program of Christmas music and dramatization will be presented. Beginning with a medley of instrumental music by Miss Caroline Wright, Miss Letitia McGoogan and Joe Haskett, the evening will also include the portraying of the Christmas Story. Mrs. J. W. Dillon will be the narrator. Others participating will include Susan Nixon, Jan White, Riley Williams, Primary Choir, Junior Boys, Girls' Chorus made up of Juniors and Youth, the Adult Choir. Ushers for the evening service will be young men who are members of the Youth Choir.

Music Sunday evening will include "All Praise to Thee," "Into My Heart," "Lullaby," "There's a Song in the Air," "Thou Child Divine," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and "Silent Night."

Other events during Christmas week will include the Christmas meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service at the church, Monday, 8 P. M.; a Junior Department party and visit to shut-ins on Monday afternoon at 3; the MYF caroling party on Wednesday night at 7, with refreshments afterwards at the home of Miss Diane Hollowell, and plans for family worship in the home on Christmas day.

Stores Announce Holiday Schedule

Hertford stores will start Friday, night remaining open each night, until 9 o'clock through Christmas Eve, it was reported Tuesday following a canvass of the local business houses.

The merchants also decided to observe the following holiday closing schedule: Stores will be closed on Christmas day, December 25, and on Saturday, December 26.

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SCOOPING UP THE PIECES—After a successful ascent to 15 miles, this balloon gondola took a beating on its descent. It was dragged over the countryside in Blaine, Kan., when an emergency parachute caught the wind. Neither of the two-man Navy research team which photographed the descent was seriously hurt.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

President Eisenhower will be in Paris this week-end to attend a NATO Council meeting, during which efforts will be made to bolster the organization of Western powers. Presently, France and Germany, fully recovered from a serious economic plight, are less inclined to follow the U. S. lead.

Meanwhile, U. S. officials worried over the outgo of dollars, are proposing the U. S. provide less manpower for NATO unless the European nations fulfill their quotas. The President's visit to Paris is aimed at securing of these objects.

John L. Lewis, titan of American labor, has announced he will quit as head of the miners' union early next year. Lewis has led the miners for 40 years and was one of the founders of the CIO. Lewis will retire on his full salary of \$50,000 per year.

A wide search continues for two convicts, among the 20 which escaped from Ivy Bluff prison camp last week. Eighteen of the convicts have been recaptured, including Yank Stewart, alleged leader of the break. N. C. prison officials conducted an investigation of the escape and fired the camp superintendent as a result of the inquiry.

Reports from inside Cuba point out economic conditions become worse instead of better under the premiership of Fidel Castro. Castro's government continues to denounce the U. S. and uses tactics similar to those which are reminders of communist infiltration.

King Street PTA Completes Project

The King Street Elementary School PTA recently completed its first project for this school year, which consists of letters for the school's name. George James, Jr., president of the PTA, says he is satisfied with the progress being made by the PTA and believes that the goal set by the PTA will be reached by the close of school.

The sixth and seventh grade class, under the direction of Fred T. Riddick, has placed a scene of the "Nativity" on the campus. This display was done during the class art period. Flood lights will be on the scene from 7 until 9 o'clock each night until December 24.

The Christmas Cantata, under the direction of John A. Wynn, Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Hunter, will be given December 17. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. No admission will be charged.

D. S. Newby, principal of the school, wishes to congratulate the PTA for its spirit of cooperation during the year.

Masons Meet Tuesday

The Perquimans Lodge No. 198, A. F. & M., will meet Tuesday

Exchange Student Gives More News On Life In Burma

By BOBBY SMITH

Looking back now, the experience which occurred the night of October 15, 1959, seems more like a dream than a reality. Yet, I know it is very much real and that it will always be a living part of me, a part that when remembered will bring back both thoughts of happiness and excitement. Here I was a stranger among a new family of people, being asked to assist with something that I had never seen before, something of which I had, in no way, any type of knowledge. However, I was a white man and I was from America. Therefore, my host family had little doubt in their minds that I was capable of handling any situation, yes, any situation, even to delivering babies; for that, the latter, was the precise situation which had come to face me. My host mother, 26-year-old Ma Khin Yi, was giving birth to a child and my host father, Ko-Kyaw-Sein, expected me to help. I explained, using all the Burmese in my power, that I knew nothing of medicine and that I had no training in delivering babies. In the end, he seemed to believe and understand me somewhat, but he insisted that I must come and help all I could. To relate the happenings which followed, in a report such as this, is impossible. At ten seconds past midnight, however, a new and darling six-pound baby boy was resting in a basket filled with rags; and his cries proved that he was going to have strong lungs. The mother had been given no medicine and there was only a village mid-wife present. Within an hour after the birth, the mother was sitting upright in a straight chair, by the next morning was walking, and within three days was doing her regular house duties.

Disregarding the usual naming customs, the family decided the baby must be named for me and that the naming ceremony should be conducted on Sunday afternoon. The family, being above average in finances, planned a village-wide celebration. When Sunday arrived, it found a beautiful cradle decorated with flowers, ribbons and paper. Inside the cradle, surrounding the baby, were placed money, rice, books, clothes and various medical herbs. All of these, according to custom, are to bring health, wealth, education and happiness to the child. The local phonygi arrived and performed the religious program which consisted mainly of shaving the hair from the infant's head. Then the name of the baby was given by the phonygi, the father and myself. The name chosen was Robert (for me) Sein (his father) and Tint (day of birth). Following this, the family gave a feast of rice to all the guests. It was a wonderful afternoon.

It was during my stay with this family that I shared in the festival of lights or as it is called in Burma, the Thadingyut Festival. The celebration, which occurs at the full moon in October, brings to an end the three months of Buddhist Lent with its moratorium on marriages and its strict religious observances. It is a gay festival and holds a carnival full of enjoyment. Pwes (Burmese plays) are to be seen in every quarter and everyone seems to be wild with excitement. Every town and every home is illuminated with lights (mostly candles) and paper lanterns of lovely patterns, while feasting never stops. Along the rivers thousands of little oil lamps, each fastened to bamboo or banana stem floats, are set adrift. Large paper fire balloons are launched through the moonlit sky. It is also a time when the people flock to the pagodas and present many gifts to their Buddhist monks. For the festival commemorates the return of Lord Buddha from Tawadeintha heaven, when the Devas were said to have lined his route and illuminated his way. The Festival of Lights is fun and gaiety, with a strong mixing of a religious flavor.

My host village, by the name of Letkaungpin, belongs to the Pathingyi Community Development Project. This project, conducted by the Mass Education Council of Burma, is designed as a means whereby to study, identify and analyze the various needs and desires of the village people. It is one of the methods being conducted in an effort to raise the economic standards of the people of the country. The 32 project villages have a population of about 9,000. The

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Central PTA Holds Christmas Meeting

The Winalow Central Grammar School PTA held its annual Christmas meeting Tuesday night, December 14, in the school auditorium. The meeting was turned over to the children of the school, who under the direction of Miss Caroline Wright, presented a beautiful Christmas program entitled "The Message of Christmas."

The stage was decorated to represent a church and was lighted with candles. The children, consisting of five different choirs, sang many lovely carols and were dressed as choir members.

Miss Phyllis Nixon recited "Manhattan Christmas Eve" and Miss Audrey Sawyer gave a recitation of "Spirit of Christmas."

The program was closed by the combined choirs singing "Silent Night" and the benediction by the Rev. William Brown.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Miller of Elizabeth City announce the birth of a son, born Sunday, December 13, at the Albemarle Hospital. Mrs. Miller is the former Miss Rita Goodman.

Thirteen Cases Heard By Court In Session Tues.

A total of 13 cases were disposed of during Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court.

Ethel Crane paid a fine of \$26 after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding and John Swope was fined \$25 on a charge of speeding.

Joseph McIntyre and Eddie Ervin, Negro, each paid a fine of \$2 and court costs after submitting to charges of being drunk.

Costs of court were taxed against Ellis Miller who submitted to a charge of failing to see intended movement of his car could be made safely.

Robert Ward was found guilty of being drunk and assault. He was given a 30-day sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Charles B. Ward pleaded guilty to charges of failing to see intended movement of his car could be made safely and of leaving the scene of an accident. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$50 and costs or serve 30 days in jail.

The bond posted by J. P. McNair, Negro, charged with driving on the left side of a highway and possessing and transporting liquor, was ordered forfeited when the defendant failed to appear in court to answer the charges.

A fine of \$50 and costs of court were paid by Mrs. Ruby T. Coleman, who submitted to charges of reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

Emma Blanchard, Negro, paid the court costs on a charge of failing to yield a right of way. Costs of court were taxed against Harry Spruill on a charge of driving with an expired chauffeur's license and Lander Overton, charged with having no chauffeur's license.

Bernard Davis paid the court costs after submitting to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign. James Riddick, Negro, was taxed with the court costs on a charge of driving on the left side of a highway.

Pi Chapter Meets At Hotel Hertford

Pi Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society held a luncheon meeting at Hotel Hertford in Hertford on Saturday, December 12, with the president, Miss Carolyn Brinkley of Plymouth presiding.

Christmas decorations brought out the holiday spirit in the hotel's dining room. Highlighting the occasion was a demonstration on "Creative Christmas Art Activities" by Miss Polly Arthurs, supervisor of art for the Portsmouth, Va., city schools. Miss Arthurs also showed slides of her actual work as an art teacher at the present time. She was introduced by Miss Ruth Hoyle of Elizabeth City.

Prior to the 1 o'clock luncheon an interesting business session was held in the educational room of the Hertford Methodist Church.

The February meeting of P Chapter will be held in the Fellowship Building of Trinity Methodist Church at South Mills with the South Mills members and the Elizabeth City members as hostesses.

At this meeting Miss Minnie Hollowell, chairman of nominations, will present the slate of officers for Pi Chapter for 1960-1962.

Representatives attended the meeting from Washington, Hertford, Martin, Bertie, Camden Chowan, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties.

50th ANNIVERSARY

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Velum C. Winalow request the honor of your presence on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary at their home or Sunday afternoon, January 3 1960. Hours for calling will be between 2:30 and 5:00 o'clock.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A Christmas program, featuring a candlelight service with recitations by small children, will be presented Sunday night, December 20, at the Berea Church of Christ. The services will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Hertford Bonds To Be Offered Shortly After January 1st

Publishing Date Early Next Week

Next week's edition of The Perquimans Weekly will be printed on Monday, December 21, instead of the usual Thursday to provide a holiday for the printers of the paper. All news copy and advertising for this coming issue must be in The Weekly office by 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, December 19, for publication in the issue of December 25. News contributors and advertisers are requested to note the change in printing date and their cooperation will be appreciated.

Jaycees Hear Talk By Vice President Of 10th District

The Hertford Jaycees at their dinner meeting on Wednesday night welcomed three new members into the organization, Russell T. Twiford, vice president of the 10th District of North Carolina Jaycees, was present and gave the club and the new members an interesting talk on Jaycee activities on local, state and national levels. Henry C. Stokes, Jr., past president of the Hertford Jaycees, and past vice president of the 10th District, also related to the members the meaning of Jaycee projects and the work that can be accomplished by Jaycees.

Russell Twiford introduced and welcomed the following new members: Herbert Raye Lane, who with his wife Thelma live at 105 South Woodland Avenue; Robert J. Taylor, who with his wife Eva Ann live at 204 Woodland Circle; Howard Williams, who with his wife Margaret Ann live on Grubb Street.

President Marion Swindell welcomed William Manning of Williamston, 10th District public relations chairman. Manning spoke to the club concerning public relations work and publicity. Also introduced was Gary Martin from Elizabeth City, state chairman for the Jaycee Teen Ager of the Year Award.

Billy White, chairman of the Jaycee Christmas shopping project, reported that all plans have been completed for the shopping tour for underprivileged children again this year. It was reported that money raised by the Jaycees through the sale of community birthday calendars and the Model T car donations will be used for the Christmas shopping tour.

Diane Divers Wins Perquimans Crown

Miss Diane Divers, a senior at Perquimans High School, was named queen of the school at a beauty-talent contest sponsored by the junior class Wednesday night.

The title of Miss Congeniality went to Miss Paige Ann Chappell, a junior.

The runner-ups were second, Miss Betty Brown, who had the most outstanding talent; third, Miss Joyce Owens and fourth, Miss Linda Bass, both juniors; and fifth, Miss Celtic Ann Long, a ninth grader.

Other participants were Misses Jean Bagley, Pete Cook, Jeanette Hollowell, Carroll McDonald, Verna Ann Perry and Brenda Kay Smith.

Special talent performances were presented by the Perquimans eighth grade, Winalow and Hertford Grammar Schools.

Judges were Warren Twiddy, Frank Roberts and Mrs. Nancy Carson, all of Edenton; George Fields of Hertford and Mrs. Charles Ward, who was Miss Perquimans High in 1959.

Mrs. Elton Boswell, Jr., of Edenton, a Perquimans High School teacher, was in charge of the pageant.

Hertford Town Board was advised during its meeting Monday night by Town Attorney Chas. E. Johnson that all preliminary formalities toward the issuance of \$100,000 in bonds, the funds of which are to be used in expanding the water system, have been approved and that in his opinion the bonds will be offered for sale as soon as final approval is given by the Local Government Commission, probably right after January 1.

Other matters handed during the board meeting included an appropriation for financing the convention of the Eastern N. C. Firemen's Association which will be held in Hertford next month. Expenses for this convention is estimated at about \$400.

The board voted to meet with County Commissioners next Monday for the purpose of determining the percentage of appraisal price to be used as assessment values for tax purposes. This action becoming necessary due to the revaluation of real estate within the county.

Mavor V. N. Darden advised the board action is being taken to regulate parking on Front Street. A number of complaints in this situation having been made recently. The board also adopted an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to erect signs for the regulation of parking on town owned property.

The board also voted to present all employees of the town with a Christmas gift, as has been the custom in past years. The cash gifts will be based upon salary received by the individual employee.

Fire Chief R. C. Elliott invited the members of the board to attend a Fire Department meeting scheduled for Thursday night of this week at the Recreation Center.

Health Officer Urges Support Of TB Seals Drive

Dr. J. A. Johnson, health officer for the district, said to effectively fight tuberculosis, it is necessary to find it, using such means as chest X-ray and tuberculin testing, and the need for understanding among the people that tuberculosis is a contagious disease.

Many people did not realize the basic facts governing communicable diseases, and the incidence of tuberculosis in the area would be much higher if the work of the Tuberculosis Association that provides films and solutions to make the chest X-rays in the district were hampered by lack of interest and neglect in sending money for the Christmas Seals mailed throughout the district.

Dr. Johnson said chest X-rays in the District Health Department since January, 1959, numbered 2,299 and 377 in Perquimans Health Department. Included in these are TB patients, contacts, those referred by doctors, several hundred health cards, students and the general public. Approximately 200 are follow-up of the several thousands made on mobile unit during the early part of 1959.

Dr. Johnson also stressed the need for more tuberculin testing of first graders and general public. So far first graders in 12 schools of the district have been tested by public health nurses and other schools are making plans to tuberculin test their students.

County Board To Meet Next Monday

Commissioners for Perquimans County will meet in special session next Monday, December 21, for the purpose of instructing tax listers with regulations on the listing of 1960 property for taxes. All list takers are requested to attend this meeting, since information concerning the revaluation of property will be made known to the list takers. The meeting will be held in the Court House starting at 10 A. M.